

as my attention had been more than once directed to it by the Secretary of State. With regard to the public laundries, civil hospital, slaughter-houses, &c., hon. members will find that most of these establishments have been voted on previous occasions. I believe in regard to many of them I may say all of them—there are no plans and details which there is no objection to all to laying before the Council. Whether these plans are such as to come within the actual wording of the hon. member's resolution I am scarcely able to say, but I can say that all the information given to the Finance Committee with respect to these plans can be supplemented by further explanation from the Surveyor-General in case the documents laid before the committee are not such as to satisfy hon. members. There is another item which I think it only right to draw the attention of members to—it is not mentioned in the hon. member's motion—and that is item 30, the lowering of Queen's Road West. A sum of \$6,000 has been inserted in the estimates for carrying out this work. This is a work which I was told by the Governor before his departure had carefully considered; and it was mentioned to me that it was a very desirable work to carry out. In these circumstances I considered it my duty to insert the amount appearing in the estimates towards carrying it out next year, but in carrying out this work I can only say, as in the case of the Happy Valley improvements, that if the unofficial members consider this work should not be carried out next year, but should remain until the finances of the Colony are more flourishing, the Government is by no means desirous of urging the carrying out of this work against the feeling of the unofficial members who possess the sanction with it. The hon. member on my left (Mr. Chater) has spoken to me more than once about the work, and no doubt he will be able to give the Finance Committee any information in connection with it they may desire. The hon. member (Mr. Whitehead) in the course of his remarks referred to the possibility of increased taxation, and to certain points to which I allude in the address I made a short time since. Now, it is quite true that I did refer to the possibility arising of a loan, and I may tell members at once that my principal reason for suggesting the raising of a loan was not that the work of the financial condition of the Colony was as because I do think, whereas the Colony is flourishing or not flourishing, that it is a hardship upon the generation to be called upon to pay the whole cost of such works as we are carrying out here now, and which are for the benefit of future generations. No doubt, if a Colony is excessively wealthy it is always desirable to save the interest we pay on borrowed money; but unless such is the case, it does seem hard that we should be called upon to pay the whole cost of works of this description. So far as the revenue and the financial condition of the Colony are concerned, I may say I consider, as I stated in the address I delivered, as decidedly satisfactory. At the end of this year the probabilities are that there will be a very great commensurable balance to the good on the present estimated towards expenditure on public works during the year over the amount mentioned in the address I made some few weeks ago, and I have good reason to believe that at the end of this year we shall be nearer \$200,000 to the good than \$100,000. With regard to the actual expenditure for public works, we shall in all probability have a balance to carry on for the coming year, so that as a matter of fact there will not be a deficit at all. I may also mention the fact that many of the works, or at any rate some of the works, which will be carried out during the next year are remunerative works, as, for instance, the Central railway. When the Central railway is completed a considerable revenue will be obtained by letting the stalls in the market, and if hon. members will go over the list of works they will see some others of a remunerative description." I also trust that during next year the amount realized by land sales will exceed the very modest sum I mentioned when I brought forward these estimates, and therefore I think, if we take the financial condition of the Colony, we shall find that it is, after all, by no means in an unhealthy condition, and that even without having recourse to a loan and without having recourse to further taxation, we shall at the end of next year find ourselves without any deficit. I have made these few observations because I thought it only right that we dealing with these matters in Finance Committee you should not look upon the financial condition of the Colony in a gloomy manner, although it is far from desirable to put too rosy a colour upon it. When you examine the different items of expenditure, you should do so with care, at the same time taking into consideration the actual condition of the Colony at the present time and the probable prospects for the future. Now, with regard to the particular motion before us, I can assure the hon. member who has introduced it that the information as to the Government's possessions will be given to the Council, and that that information will be supplemented by any information that can be given freely by the Surveyor-General, but I should like to inform him that it is impossible to comply altogether with the first part of his motion. As regards the despatch I wrote to the Secretary of State, and as to the statements that having reference to this motion will be laid before the Council, and further, the statement the Surveyor-General made when he estimates this year, before me will also be laid before the Council, and all information that the Government can give will be laid before the Council. In these circumstances I would submit to the hon. member that he should not press the first part of his motion as at present worded. At the present moment I cannot exactly put your motion to the Council, because it is not one the Government can entirely carry out.

Mr. Whitehead.—I beg to thank you heartily for the promise made to give the full information possible. I would again reiterate that I had no intention whatever of impeding or obstructing any public works, more particularly the Central railway reference has been made to the regeneration ground at Happy Valley, and others. I have perhaps worded the resolution a little too harshly in asking for detailed and complete statements. It was my intention to ask for a general statement from the Surveyor-General in regard to each item in the list. I am perfectly well aware that many of these works have already been, in former estimates, and that the money has already been voted. Why these statements and plans were not called for I do not know. What I wish to move for is a general statement with regard to each work, the estimated cost, the designed plans, and the progress that has been made, and explained as to how the estimate has been arrived at. If the hon. member who seconded it has no objection, I have no desire to press the first part of the resolution with regard to the detailed and complete statement.

Mr. Ryrie.—I have no objection to offer if you wish to withdraw that part.

His Excellency.—It is rather difficult to separate one part of a resolution. If the hon. member will withdraw his resolution on the undertaking being given that all general information in connection with the public works should be given to the Surveyor-General, I shall be glad to read the statements in the despatches sent to Lord Knutsford so far as they refer to public works, and further, that the statements of the Surveyor-General when he prepared the estimates shall also be furnished to him, I am quite prepared to give that undertaking; or, I think, the hon. member will change the wording of the resolution, I have no objection, but it is impos-

able to accede to the request for showing detailed statements.

Mr. Whitehead—I will alter that to "general statements."

His Excellency—Very well. Then there is another matter to which I would refer the hon. member. As regards the water and drainage works, I cannot refer him to the Surveyor-General, but all the information the Government possesses in the matter, and the reports of Mr. Chadwick, shall be furnished to the hon. member if that will meet him.

Mr. Whitehead—Would it not be desirable for the Government to place on the table a statement showing their definite intentions with regard to the scheme they propose to follow, the same as in connection with the other works. I am thinking more particularly of the case of Victoria College. We all recollect very clearly what happened in that case. The estimated original cost was a comparatively small sum, whereas the actual cost of that building was enormous.

His Excellency—I am fully aware of that, but such cases are not confined to Hongkong. Only a day or two ago I read that the original estimate for the Science and Arts Institute in Dublin was £100,000, while the total expenditure incurred was £200,000. I do not mean to say that there is any justification whatever for the extra expenditure incurred here, but it shows that these things will occur all the world over.

Mr. Rye—What about the Tyam water works?

His Excellency—I do not see how the Government can lay on the table a definite statement as to their intentions with reference to the drainage and water works. My only desire is to give the hon. member and unofficial members to understand that Government cannot promise to perform what it is unable to do. Any information that can be given will be given, but to undertake to give a definite statement with regard to the water and drainage works would be to undertake what is almost impossible.

Mr. Whitehead—Are the Government decided to carry out the scheme suggested by Mr. Chadwick?

His Excellency—I thought the Colonial Secretary stated just now that that was decided some months ago.

The Surveyor-General—If I may be allowed to say a few words, I would point out with regard to the resolution of the Sanitary Board, where as President I took a somewhat unusual course. I did not agree with the whole resolution passed by the Board for the reason that I was already aware, as a member of the Legislative Council, that Mr. Chadwick's report had been received and adopted, and it appeared to me that the Government, having received the report, pledged themselves as much as they could do towards carrying it out. It appeared to me that the resolution of the Board was of a very unusual nature, and as an attempt to extract from Government something that is not usual for Government to give. With regard to the furnishing of a detailed statement concerning these works, it would be an extremely inconvenient thing to do, because in plans which involve so much detail as these for water and drainage works, it is impossible to carry out precisely the original plan, because as the work goes on certain modifications and improvements must be introduced, and if Government bound itself to carry out these plans without making any modifications in them it would be an extremely objectionable course to adopt. It was because of the results that would follow from the resolution of the Sanitary Board that I adopted that, while fully agreeing with the plans that were prepared, I could not recommend the Sanitary Board to attempt to bind the Government to carry out the plans without regard to necessary modifications.

His Excellency—I would suggest to the hon. member to alter his resolution so as to read "until the Government lay on the table a general statement of the proposed work and of their intentions as regards the water and drainage work," &c.

Mr. Whitehead—With the addition of the words, "showing what is to be done in each case and the necessity for such works, together with estimates and plans."

His Excellency—That would not be possible, as I have already told the hon. member. Take the case of Mountain Lodge or the prison. The Government cannot answer these questions. There are some items included in the hon. member's motion with respect to which the Government cannot say what will actually be done. All that the Government can say is that no new prison is contemplated. With regard to Mountain Lodge, it is proposed to build a new house as soon as a new site has been selected.

Mr. Whitehead—Suppose I say, "showing what is proposed to be done in each case where practicable."

His Excellency—As regards the necessity for the works, I do not think if hon. members look through the list they will find any works which are unnecessary, except perhaps one or two I have alluded to. If the hon. member could so word his resolution that I could possibly give effect to it I should be glad to do so.

Mr. Whitehead—I have altered the resolution to read, "until the Government lay on the table general statements, where practicable, of the proposed works showing what is to be done in each case together with estimates and plans, &c." I do not see that it is impossible for the Government to give a definite statement as to the works they are going to do. I do not think the public know that the Government are going to follow Mr. Chadwick's scheme and plans. I was not aware they were going to do so until this afternoon.

His Excellency—The estimates and plans would take so much time to prepare that it would do away with the consideration of the estimates.

The Surveyor-General—I would remind the hon. member that having plans laid on the table means making new plans, specially.

Mr. Whitehead—I think with reference to new works it would be satisfactory to have these plans laid with regard to old works. I am willing to assent to the gist of the motion. With regard to the new works, I think a definite statement and plans should be laid on the table where practicable.

His Excellency—Who is going to decide what is practicable? It is always practicable to make a plan.

Mr. Whitehead—As soon as the plans are made they could be laid on the table.

His Excellency—That is just what I think the Government cannot do. To make plans to give to the Council would take time.

Mr. Whitehead—Well, when it is possible to lay it on the table.

His Excellency—Well, we cannot go on with the Estimates till that is done according to your motion. That is the gist of your motion.

The Surveyor-General—You will allow me to say that it would be practicable to prepare plans of the whole works, but it would require considerable time. It would require a special set of plans of all the works to be laid before the Council. This would require a works of several months. In the meantime other work would have to stand at a standstill.

His Excellency—If the hon. member will his resolution to read "a general statement of the proposed works and of other intentions with reference to the drainage and water works, &c." I think a resolution in these words would meet the case, coupled with the assurance myself have given, that all information we have now to supply shall be supplied.

The Acting Attorney-General—I would propose, in order to bring this matter to a close, after hearing the full explanation your Excellency

are given and every assurance that you are willing to furnish every information possible, the present resolution be amended by striking out the first part as to the postponement of the consideration of the estimates, after which it shall read "that the Government lay on the table a general statement of the proposed works and of their intentions with reference to the drainage and water works."

Mr. Whitehead—I still think we should have the plans of new works laid on the table wherever practicable.

His Excellency—I should not like to undertake to promise that, because I do not think the Government could do so. I should not like to bind myself to lay plans of all new buildings on the table, because in that case it would become at once binding on the Government not to proceed until all the plans were prepared and submitted to the Council and that, as the Surveyor-General says, would take months. If the hon. member can possibly ward his motion so as to make it a practical one for the Government to accept, I shall be very pleased to agree to it; if not, there is no other course but to put it to the vote.

Mr. Chater—I think, your Excellency, after the remarks made, and the promise given—the alteration proposed by the Attorney-General would meet the case. So far as I am concerned I am willing to accept the undertaking, that at information with respect to these works will be given wherever practicable.

His Excellency—Does the hon. member wish the motion as originally worded to be put to the vote? I do not wish to do so if all parties can agree to a compromise.

Mr. Whitehead—I am willing to agree to the alteration proposed.

The amended motion was then put and carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Council then resolved itself into a Finance Committee, the chair being taken by the Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Chairman said they would now proceed to consider the estimates, on the understanding already come to, namely, that only non-contentious matter would be considered.

A vote of \$36,527, the charges on account of Public debt, and a vote of \$51,840 for pensions, were carried without discussion.

THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE.

The Chairman proposed a vote of \$30,899 for the Governor and Legislature.

Mr. Whitehead said he noticed there was no increase made in the salaries of the Private Secretary and A.D.C.

The Chairman said the pay attached to these two posts was now about double what it was in 1875.

The vote was agreed to.

The Chairman moved a vote of \$39,348 for the Colonial Secretary's Department.

The vote was agreed to.

THE UNOFFICIALS SWAMPED.

The Chairman proposed a vote of \$10,000 for the Audit Department.

Mr. Whitehead—That is for the audit in England?

The Chairman—And here.

Mr. Whitehead—What part of the accounts are audited in England?

The Chairman—The expenditure.

Mr. Whitehead—Then only one side of the accounts is audited here.

The Chairman—The revenue is audited here, the expenditure is audited at home.

Mr. Whitehead—That seems a very extraordinary method. The revenue is audited here and the expenditure is audited 10,000 miles away by people who cannot possibly know anything about the expenditure here.

The Surveyor-General—It is a new departure, is it not?

The Chairman—It is new here. It has been tried in other Colonies.

The Surveyor-General—With questionable results.

The Chairman—Well, all I know is that we are ordered to vote this amount for the audit by the Secretary of State.

Mr. Whitehead—I think the vote, instead of being put down as a lump sum of \$10,000, might be split up, and the salary of the local auditor and the expenses of the office here stated.

The Chairman—We have no control over the amount here.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer—We have sufficient control to put down the different amounts.

The Chairman—No, if you look at the Secretary of State's despatch you will see we are told simply to put down \$10,000 for payment to the local auditor in England.

Mr. Whitehead—Then this sum includes Mr. Nicolle's salary?

The Chairman—Yes.

Mr. Whitehead—Which is how much?

The Chairman—\$400.

Mr. Whitehead—I propose the sum for audit be reduced by the amount not disbursed here. I think the accounts could be audited much more effectively here than at home.

Mr. Chater—I think if the items were put down, which go to make up this sum, it would be much better.

Mr. Chater—I should be most happy to do so, but the Secretary of State in his despatch gave orders to put it down as it appears in the estimates. We have no power whatever over the local auditor. The Governor has no power, nor has the Colony.

Mr. Chater—But you pay him.

The Chairman—No. We pay \$10,000 to the Auditor General at home. I happen to know that the local auditor receives \$4,000, but that is all. We pay him here, but it is no account of the auditor at home.

Mr. Ho Kai seconded Mr. Whitehead's motion for the reduction of the vote.

Mr. Chater—I think it is a very extraordinary matter to reduce \$10,000 to be paid for the audit, a portion of which is paid here, and neither the Colony nor the Government has any control over the auditor. I think it is a state-of-affairs that should be altered, and I agree with my colleagues that the vote should not be passed.

The Acting Attorney-General—The whole matter was considered some time ago when the change was made. A very long despatch came from home saying that it had been decided that the accounts were to be audited partly here and partly in England, and for this purpose a sum of \$10,000 was placed on the estimates, and so far as the Colony is concerned I take it we have no option in the matter.

Mr. Chater—I recollect the circumstances very clearly, and I recollect Sir William De Vaux commented on them and stated that he did not think it was a course that could be carried out. Official and unofficial members only voted a sum for the past year in order to give the system a trial, and seeing that the trial has not been so successful as it might have been I think some alteration should now be made.

The Acting Colonial Treasurer—It has not been on trial yet, as the accounts have only been sent down owing to the illness of the late Treasurer. Under the new arrangements certain errors have been discovered which it is impossible can take place in the future, and therefore think it is premature to say the trial has failed.

Mr. Chater—We refuse to vote this sum because we think the whole audit should be carried out in Hongkong. I do not say the officer here has not done his duty efficiently. We are of opinion that he has, and we go further and say that he should audit both sides of the account. Our only reason for not voting the

um asked for is to call attention to the fact that the whole of the accounts should be audited here.

The amendment was then put to the vote and lost, Messrs. Chater, Whitehead, and Ho Kai, the only three unofficial members present, voting in favour of it, and the original motion for the vote of \$10,000 was carried.

After a further vote for the Treasury the Council resumed, and adjourned until Monday next.

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

The second report of the Board of Directors to the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Hongkong Hotel, at noon, on Saturday next, is as follows:—

Your Directors have now to lay before you the accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1890, which they regret show a loss on working account of \$10,212.72 after deducting \$4,977.24 carried forward from last account.

TIMBER BUSINESS.

During the twelve months the shipments of wood from Sandakan were 263,276 cubic feet as against 142,000 cubic feet during the previous twelve months. The directors regret that this department of the Company's business has been so unsatisfactory. Owing to the general depression of trade a serious drop in price has taken place, but with the revival of trade it is hoped that stocks now held will be cleared off at improved prices. The out-put has now been restricted. A trial shipment sent to London has been partially sold at satisfactory rates.

SANDAKAN SAW MILLS.

These are doing profitable work and show a credit balance for the last six months of \$1,784.09, a satisfactory figure considering the mill during that period did a great deal of its own construction. The mill has more orders on hand than it can execute, and two new boilers, which have recently been shipped, will increase the power of out-put considerably. The engine repairing shop attached to the mill has also done good work. The wharf has been constructed entirely of "billian" wood and has proved very useful for loading ships.

HONGKONG SAW MILLS.

The working account shows a balance at debit which in a large measure is attributable to loss incurred on a contract undertaken for supply of sawn timber to Shanghai. The mill is now paying its way judging from figures compiled during the current quarter.

LOCAL TRADE AND AGENCIES.

The coasting steamers of the Company have done well and there is a considerable increase of revenue from agencies, etc.

TOBACCO LANDS.

There has been no opportunity of realizing this asset during the past year. Your directors have succeeded in getting the balance of payment for the land postponed until next June.

TIMBER CONCESSIONS AND PROPERTIES.

The various properties have been kept in a due state of repair and the directors have thought it well to open a Depreciation Account, from particulars of which it will be observed that all the properties, &c. have been written down to a figure at which it is considered the various assets should stand at the 30th June, 1890.

DIRECTORS.

In accordance with the Articles of Association Mr. Davies and Mr. Layton retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lyall and Henderson, who offer themselves for re-election.

B. LAYTON,
Chairman.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO JUNE 30TH, 1890.

Capital.—	Liabilities.
1,410 Shares, fully paid up, allotted to E. E. Abrahamson & Co. in part payment as per prospectus, each value \$100	\$141,000.00
140 Shares fully paid up allotted to Vendors of Saw Mills in part payment for same, each value \$100	14,000.00
603 Shares, half paid up, allotted to E. E. Abrahamson & Co. in part payment as per prospectus, each value \$50	30,400.00
5,342 Shares allotted to the public, each value \$50	267,100.00
	\$452,500.00
Sunday Creditors	139,178.35
H'kong & S'hai Bank, Advance a/c	46,980.00
H'kong & S'hai Bank, Current a/c	5,889.28
Bills Payable	5,500.00
	\$650,047.63
	<i>Assets.</i>
Goodwill account	\$ 69,406.83
Town and Country Lands	28,141.25
Timber Concessions	27,704.61
Less value of acreage cut	4,116.75
	23,587.86
Steamship <i>Sandakan</i> , cost of	4,893.21
House Property, value of	9,724.42
Plant, value of	5,436.95
Less depreciation 10 per cent.	543.69
	4,893.21
Furniture value of	2,129.26
Less depreciation 10 per cent.	212.92
	1,916.34
Boats, Lighters and Launches	23,602.62
Less depreciation 10 per cent.	2,360.26
	21,242.36
Tug <i>Normanhurst</i>	17,336.68
Less depreciation 10 per cent.	1,733.66
	15,603.02
Barque <i>Tarapaka</i> , value of	15,208.55
Hongkong Saw Mills	28,000.00
Less depreciation 10 per cent.	2,800.00
	25,200.00
Sandakan Saw Mills, cost to date	61,151.82
Timber Stock at Shanghai	3,420.27
Less depreciation 10 per cent.	342.02
	3,078.25
Timber Stock at Tientsin	38,930.42
Less depreciation 10 per cent.	3,893.04
	35,037.38
Timber Stock at Borneo	54,712.49
Less depreciation 10 per cent.	5,471.25
	49,241.24
Timber Stock at Hongkong	81,936.14
Less depreciation 10 per cent.	8,193.61
	73,742.53
Sundry Debtors	72,583.51
Cash with Manager at Sandakan	36,508.99
Cash in Transit	18,956.00
Stock, Stores, Coal, Sawn Timber, Live Stock &c.	18,569.94

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Hongkong, 11th August, 1890.

Uncompleted Voyage steamship Sandakan	2,352.98
Uncompleted Voyage barque Tara-paca	1,030.89
Unexpired Rents, Insurances and Fees	1,378.74
Amount Depreciated, previous statement	22,864.32
Amount carried to Working a/c.....	10,242.72
	\$590,017.67

STATEMENT OF DEPRECIATION.

To Plant Account	\$ 54.69
" Furniture Account'	212.91
" Boys' Lighters and Launches	2,367.76
" "Naanohurst" Tug	1,751.66
" Hongkong Saw Mills	2,893.00
" Timber Stock, Shanghai	1,742.01
" Timber Stock, Tientsin	3,891.04
" Timber Stock, Borneo	2,751.22
" Timber Stock, Hongkong	8,193.61
	\$2,864.32
By Amount carried to New Account	\$2,864.32
	\$2,864.32

WORKING ACCOUNT.
Dr.

To Charges	\$ 11,510.25
" Salaries	15,366.51
" Hongkong Saw Mills Working a/c	4,378.39
" Medical Department	1,603.17
" Exchange	1,401.62
" Bad Debts	1,012.68
" Telegrams	666.10
" Auditors' Fees	350.00
	\$37,799.70
	\$37,799.70

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By Balance from last account	\$ 4,977.24
" Commissions	8,809.06
" Timber sales, profit on	1,133.91
" Steamers and Launches Working a/c	4,253.67
" House and Store Rents	1,530.71
" Sale of Sundry Stores, &c.	1,512.41
" Saw Mill at Sandakan, Working a/c	1,784.00
" Interest	2,012.00
" Sale of Land	500.00
" Scrip and Transfer Fees	34.00
" Balance to Profit and Loss	10,242.72
	\$ 76,780.75

For the China Borneo Company, Limited,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents in Hongkong and China.

We have compared the accounts with the books and vouchers at the Company's office and found them correct.

F. HENDERSON, } Auditors
R. LYALL, }

LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, October 16th.

Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien have been at sea in a private yacht since Thursday last landed at Cherbourg yesterday and thence proceeded to Paris.

The Shah of Persia visits Russia again in November.

The Honorable H. T. Prinsep will probably be knighted and succeed Sir Stuart Bayley as Lieutenant Governor of Bengal.

PARIS, October 16th.

The Marquis de Dufferin paid a visit to Signor Crispij yesterday, when most cordial assurances were exchanged : The result of the interview shows that the *entente* between the two nations is unclouded.

NEW YORK, October 16th.

The largest hotel in Syracuse, New York, has been burned down. The scene at the fire was most horrible one, as the inmates in many cases were unable to escape and twenty-five perished in the flames.

The deaths from fire at the Hotel Syracuse were overestimated, and on the panic subsiding it was found that only a few of the inmates were missing.

LONDON, October 17th.

Messrs O'Brien and Dillon arrived in Paris and announced that they will sail for America on the 25th instant, and remain there for four months, after which they will return to England and surrender themselves to the police.

NINGPO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

October 29th,

A very extensive fire, the first this season occurred yesterday evening at about 7 o'clock a little above the old Pontoon bridge in the suburbs of Ningpo, not far from where a very large fire occurred about the same time last year. According to reports current, over 100

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hundred houses were destroyed, but no lives were
 lost. Fortunately there was no wind; or the
 destruction would have been far greater; as it
 was, all the houses in this block were burned
 down, the high fire-bricks preventing it spreading
 further. Most of the houses were dried fish and
 rice shops, and the debris of the ruins were still
 mouldering this morning.

The second rice crop, however rather late
 this year on account of the scarcity of rain, will
 be ready for cutting in a few days, and will yield
 a splendid harvest, as the field round about
 Ningpo are in the best condition. The last
 year's second rice crop was spoiled by the
 continued rain we had in September and
 October. The new Police Station building
 next to the French Cathedral, which has
 been in course of construction for several months
 will soon be finished, when Major Watson, Ser-
 geant Will's, and their native contingent of
 Policemen will occupy their new quarters.
 Cattle at present the season, snipe were very few
 on account of the fields having been too dry, and
 pheasant shooting won't commence before the
 rice is cut.—*Mercury.*

SCOTT'S Emulsion of Pure Cod Liver Oil with
 Hypophosphites is especially adapted to all
 conditions where the tissues are wasting away from
 inability to digest and assimilate ordinary food.
 The combined virtues of the Cod Liver Oil and
 Hypophosphites restore a marked effect in creating
 an appetite, make new blood, heal the inflammation
 of the throat and lungs, and the inflammation of
 the flesh. In short they form the finest combined
 food and medicine that can be given the invalid.
 Any agent in Hongkong—A. S. Watson & Co.
 (Ld.), Chemists in Supply and China.—*Advt.*

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

3rd November, 1890.—At 4 p.m.

STATION.	Latitude North	Longitude East	Temper- ature	Humidity	Barom- eter	Wind	Weather	Direction of surface current
Wanhsienkoo	39.57	43	...	...	...	...	b	...
To'lo	39.04	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Nagasaki	32.59	129.50	...	...	...	...	b	...
Shanghai	31.19	121.47	...	...	...	...	b	...
Foochow	33.19	119.50	...	...	...	...	b	...
Amoy	34.50	118.05	...	...	...	...	b	...
Swatow	30.51	115.50	...	...	...	...	b	...
Amoy	34.50	118.05	...	...	...	...	b	...
Victoria Peak	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Canlon	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Hongkong	22.19	114.10	...	...	...	...	b	...
Macao	22.19	113.50	...	...	...	...	b	...
Hohow	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Haiphong	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Manila	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Cape St. James	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...

4th November, 1890.—At 10 a.m.

STATION.	Latitude North	Longitude East	Temper- ature	Humidity	Barom- eter	Wind	Weather	Direction of surface current
Wanhsienkoo	39.57	43	...	...	...	...	b	...
To'lo	39.04	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Nagasaki	32.59	129.50	...	...	...	...	b	...
Shanghai	31.19	121.47	...	...	...	...	b	...
Foochow	33.19	119.50	...	...	...	...	b	...
Amoy	34.50	118.05	...	...	...	...	b	...
Swatow	30.51	115.50	...	...	...	...	b	...
Amoy	34.50	118.05	...	...	...	...	b	...
Victoria Peak	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Canlon	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Hongkong	22.19	114.10	...	...	...	...	b	...
Macao	22.19	113.50	...	...	...	...	b	...
Hohow	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Haiphong	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Manila	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...
Cape St. James	...	...	...	...	...	...	b	...

Barometer falling. Gradients rather moderate for north-east
 71—wind. Weather clear, cool and dry. (Sailed at 10.30 a.m.)

Sundried. — Temperature in the shade in degrees, Fahrenheit.
 1. Humidity in percentage of saturation, the
 quantity of air saturated with pure water being 100.
 2. Force of the wind according to
 Beaufort scale. 3. State of the weather: B, Blue sky; D, Drizzle;
 C, Clouds; F, Fog; G, Gloom; H, Hail; L, Lightning;
 O, Overcast. 4. Panning shower. 5. Squally. 6. Rain. 7. Snow.
 8. Thunder. 9. Visibility. 10. Dew wet. 11. Rain in inches
 (total and hourly). 12. Direction.

Hongkong Observatory, 4th November, 1890.

Today's

Advertisements.

STEAM TO BOMBAY AND STRAITS

Today's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

GRACIE PLAISTED'S "MY SWEET HEART" COMPANY.

TO-NIGHT,
TUESDAY, the 4th November,
"OUR BOYS."

THURSDAY NEXT, 6th November,
"LA PERICHOLE."

SATURDAY NEXT, 8th November,
"MARITANA,"
revived by some of the
Leading Hongkong Amateurs.

Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S,
CHAS. HARDING,
Manager.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [1516]

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR HONGKONG (DIRECT).

THE "DEVAWONGSE."

Captain P. H. Loff will be despatched for the above Port, on FRIDAY, the 7th November, at 9 A.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [1522]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.

THE "HAILONG."

Captain Goddard, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 7th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [1521]

THE CHINA SHIPBUILDING & REPAIRING COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON.

THE "CHINGWO."

T. Stahlin, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 13th instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [1520]

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo per Steamship "CHINA."

The above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-Signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

CHAS. D. HARMAN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [1519]

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SUSSEX,"
FROM VANCOUVER, YOKOHAMA,
AND NAGASAKI.

THE above steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-Signature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [1524]

ST. JOHN LODGE

OF HONGKONG,

No. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in FREEMASON'S HALL, Zeland Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [1524]

Consignees.

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "GUY MANNERING,"

Captain Ford, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

The steamer is berthed at Kowloon Piers and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 8th November, or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th October, 1890. [1507]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE next competition for the FAKI CUP will take place on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, commencing at 3.30 O'CLOCK P.M. Range, 200 and 300 Yards. 7 shots at each range. Position—Standing at 200 and kneeling or sitting at 300 yards. Entrance Fee, 20 cents payable on or before FRIDAY, the 7th inst.

FRANK COLLINS,
for Hon Sec.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1890. [1524]

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1889.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the undersigned with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the distribution of the Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 10th day of November next, will be adjusted by the Company, and no claims or alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
Hongkong, 15th October, 1890. [1443]

THE INURIS MINES, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that the certificates, for endorsement, should accompany the Bank draft sent in payment of the FINAL CALL of 5 per Share due on the 1st November, 1890.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th October, 1890. [1438]

THE INURIS MINES, LIMITED.

THE FINAL CALL of Five Shillings per Share will be due on the 1st November, 1890, and Shareholders are requested to pay the same to the Undersigned by Bank demand draft on London in favour of ourselves, on or before that date.

All Calls unpaid on the 1st November, will be liable to interest at the rate of eight per cent. per Annum.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th September, 1890. [1450]

THE CHINA BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Second Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, on SATURDAY, the 8th November next, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1890.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st November until the 8th November, both days inclusive.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th October, 1890. [1479]

THE SONGE KOYAH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FINAL CALL OF \$1 PER SHARE DUE 26th August, 1890.

NOTICE is hereby given that unless the above has been paid without delay to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, all Shares which remain not fully paid up will be dealt with by the General Managers and Consulting Committee in accordance with the power given them in the Articles of Association.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th October, 1890. [1506]

A. S. WATSON & CO, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on account of 1890 at the Rate of Seventy Cents per Ten Dollar Share (or 7 per cent. on the Capital of the Company) will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on and after the 15th proximo, on Warrants to be obtained of the Undersigned.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be CLOSED from Saturday the 1st proximo till Saturday the 8th proximo both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order,
T. H. TALBOT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1890. [1495]

PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SECOND CALL OF \$15 PER SHARE DUE JULY 17th, 1890.

NOTICE is hereby given that unless the above has been paid together with interest at the rate of 12 1/2 per annum from the said due date, to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; the said Shares will be dealt with in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. WHELELY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1890. [1475]

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1889.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a List of their Contributions of Premia for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the proportion of Profit for that year to be paid as Bonus to Contributors may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th instant, will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent claims or alterations will be allowed.

By order of the Directors,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1890. [1513]

K U N L U N,

No. 9, WYNDHAM STREET.

CHINESE PORCELAIN WARE AND CURIOS, &c.
CHINESE EMBROIDERIES, EMBROIDERED MANDARIN CLOTHING, &c.
Prices very moderate.

Hongkong, 25th October, 1890. [1484]

NOTICE.

THOMAS KERR & CO.

ENGINEERS, BOILER-MAKERS
AND
CONTRACTORS,
YAU-MA-TI ENGINEERING WORKS,
KOWLOON.

OFFICE—No. 12, D'AGUIAR STREET,
Hongkong, 25th August 1890. [1526]

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS AND JEWELLERS,
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHARTS AND BOOKS.

No. 48, Queen's Road Central.

[1521]

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Lombardy	Bombay	November 4th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Melbourne	Marseilles	November 5th	Messageries Maritimes.
Glengyle	London	November 5th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Antonio	Liverpool	November 7th	Arnold, Karberg & Co.
Prometheus	Vancouver	November 11th	Adamson, Bell & Co.
Batavia	Singapore	November 11th	Siemssen & Co.
Electra	Bombay	November 15th	P. & O. S. N. Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Rosetta	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nov. 13th, at noon.
London	Chingwo	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	About Nov. 13th.
Marseilles via Saigon, &c.	Caledonia	Messageries Maritimes.	Nov. 6th, at noon.
Bremen and Ports of Call.	Braunschweig	McLachlan & Co.	Nov. 23rd, at 11 a.m.
Havre, London, &c.	Cardiganshire	Adamson, Bell & Co.	About Nov. 6th.
San Francisco, via Ythama	Belgie	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Nov. 25th, at 1 p.m.
San Francisco, via Ythama	China	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Nov. 13th, at 1 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via S.	Wingiang	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Nov. 14th, at noon.
Calcutta, via Straits	Angalia	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Nov. 6th, at 1 p.m.
Singapore, Penang, &c.	Bornia	Siemssen & Co.	Nov. 10th, at noon.
Dangkok	Bombay	Carlowitz & Co.	Nov. 8th, at noon.
Yokohama, via Nag.	Yuen Fat Hong	Yuen Fat Hong	Nov. 7th, at 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Kobe, &c.	Alconia	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Nov. 14th, daylight.
Shanghai, Kobe, &c.	Sikh	Adamson, Bell & Co.	About Nov. 8th.
Shanghai	Antonio	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Nov. 14th, daylight.
Haiphong	Minapora	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
Swatow, Amoy, &c.	Marie	A. R. Mary	Nov. 6th, daylight.
Coast Ports	Formosa	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.
	Hailong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Nov. 7th, daylight.

Intimations.

G. RENNIE STEWART,
MANUFACTURERS' AGENT AND GENERAL
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
12, D'AGUIAR STREET, HONGKONG.

AGENT FOR

J. & R. HARVEY & Co., Dundashill

Distillery, Glasgow.

McKenzie, Driscoll & Co. Wine Shippers,

Jerez de la Frontera, and Oporto.

Valencia Iron & Steel Co., Glasgow.

Pulsmeter Engineering Co., London, Ice

Machines.

Wilson & Baird, Engineers' Ironmongers,

Glasgow.

Boyd & Robertson, Tweed Mills, Selkirk.

Clark Brothers, Tweed Mills, Galashiels.

Estimates given for supplying and fitting up

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Illustrated Catalogues and Price Lists for all

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Machinery, Steam and Hand Sawing Machines

and Wood Working Machinery, Bottling and

Corking Machines, Cooking Stoves and Ranges,

Lamps, etc., Canned Goods, Felt and Pith Hats,

and Helms, Paints, Oils, Varnish, Enamels,

etc., etc.

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Linoeum, Floor Cloth, Machinery Belting in

Leather, Rubber, and Patent Tanned

Hair, Patent Scandinavian Belt Guides, Engine

Packing, Rubber Sheets, Valves and Washers,

etc., etc. can be seen and prices ascertained at

the above address.

The Pulsmeter Engineering Co.'s No. 1

Champion Hand Ice-Making Machine can also

be seen and tried.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1890. [1520]

J. & R. HARVEY & Co.,

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Finest Pure Malt Scotch Whisky.

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Whiskies have for over fifty years com-

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Sole Agent for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1890. [1520]

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IN from two to three minutes, by the "Pulsmeter Engineering Co.'s Champion Hand Ice-Making Machine.

NO FREEZING POWDERS REQUIRED.

Will Ice Carafes in one minute, and make

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The No. 1 Machine is very portable and

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D'AGUIAR STREET.

All Machines tested by actual Ice-making

before delivery.

G. RENNIE STEWART,
Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 28th August, 1890. [1521]

NOTICE.

JAYE'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS
COMPANY, LIMITED.

JAYE'S WOOD PRESERVER OR

ANTISEPTIC PAINT.

THE Undersigned have this day been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale of these PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and are prepared to supply quantities to suit purchasers, at Wholesale Prices, Extra Special terms for Shipping and large Orders.

Sir ROBERT RAWLINSON, C.B., C.E., Chief Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board, London, says

"It is the best Disinfectant in use."

W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Bank Buildings.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1888. [1519]

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP
AND
MODERATE FEES.

M. R. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(Formerly articled Apprentice, and latterly assistant to Dr. ROBERTS),
HAS REMOVED

from the Office formerly occupied by
Dr. ROBERTS, to—
No. 18, D'AGUIAR STREET,
(behind the Hongkong Club).